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California EcoRestore Continues to Advance Critical Habitat Restoration in the Delta April 2019

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is the largest estuary on the West Coast. It's a maze of floodplains, rich farmlands and leveed waterways, that for centuries was a dynamic and rich ecosystem of tidal wetlands, riparian forests and vast seasonal floodplains. Over time, due to human development and other factors, about 98 percent of the native habitats have been lost, leading to a decline in native fish, wildlife and plants. Recognizing the critical need to restore the Delta's natural habitat and protect water for fish and human uses, the California Natural Resources Agency launched the California EcoRestore initiative in 2015 to accelerate the restoration of 30,000 acres habitat across the Delta over a five-year period (by 2020).

Since it began, EcoRestore has successfully completed several projects and continues to make meaningful progress. 2018 was a significant year for the program, with five restoration projects breaking ground. These projects will create new tidal wetlands, establish new riparian upland habitats and address fish passage barriers that had been in place for over 100 years. Three of these projects finished construction in 2018 and are now operational.

Building on strong partnerships between project proponents, regulatory agencies, nonprofit partners, landowners, local agencies and other interested parties, and utilizing a collaborative approach, EcoRestore anticipates another milestone year of work restoring critical Delta habitat.

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